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My Peace.

How sweet to talk with thee, my Lord!
What joy in thy unfailing word!
My soul doth magnify thy name,
And every gracious promise claim.
Speak! and my fears and questions
cease.
Speak that blest word of thine, "My
peace."
Peace, like a river, through my soul
Shall all its tranquil currents roll.
Oh, stretch thy hand forth to my heart,
Thou, who the rude waves' ruler art!
Till, Lord, thy gentle summons given,
I change earth's peace for that of heav-
en.

Miami Valley Items.

News seems to me to accumu-
late so rapidly that when I miss
a week or two, I feel like a walk-
ing newspaper. Therefore I
must relieve myself and I hope
all will bear with the length of
the "items" this week.

Friday, August 19th, we lock-
ed up our house and started for
the Bear Creek camp meeting,
mother Garver and my little
ones, in the mean time, paying a
visit to Wayne county.

On the train I met brethren P.
J. Brown and S. H. Jacobs bound
for the same destination. This
constituted the North Eastern
Ohio delegation to the meeting.
It is needless to say that in such
company the trip down was very
pleasant.

Our appointments would not
permit of my constant presence
at the camp meeting, for which
we were very sorry.

On Saturday I left to fill the
usual appointment at Pleasant
Hill, on Saturday evening, Sun-
day morning and evening. There
were the usual good congrega-
tions and interest. Brethren S.
R. Deeter and R. E. C. Rench
were elected as delegates to rep-
resent this church at the Ashland
convention.

On Monday evening we preach-
ed at the school house where the
Miamisburg congregation wor-
ship until the new church is built.
We were rather surprised to find
Bro. P. J. Brown already there.
No doubt he was anxious to see
how the young child was pros-
pering. The interest here is still
increasing.

Bro. Philip consented to
preach for them on the Monday
following, the 29th. He reports
a good time and overflowing con-
gregation. From him we learn-
ed that the contract for building
the new church has been let, and
work will commence at once.
The probable cost will be in the
neighborhood of \$3,000.

On Tuesday morning we at-
tended services at the camp
meeting. It should rather have
been called a grove or bush meet-
ing.

This meeting had many dif-
ficulties to contend with. In the
first place it was a new experi-
ment in our brotherhood, and of
course our brethren had yet to
learn that such meetings needed
their special and constant at-
tendance to make it a success.
Then again it was in progress
during a very busy time for the
farming community of which this
congregation is comprised. Last-
ly, the weather turned so cool
that it was unpleasant to have
our meeting in the grove. In-

deed in the evening it was en-
tirely too cold, so we had to ad-
journ to the house.

During the day time the at-
tendance was discouragingly
small. So noticeable was the
absence of the brethren that it
drew forth the remark from some
one that the weather and the
brethren were opposed to the
meeting. But we do not think
this, and will be more charitable
and look at their absence as un-
avoidable through the busy sea-
son. In the evenings the con-
gregations were very fair, still
they did not come up to our ex-
pectations, still the weather was
rather cool, so I suppose we
must not find any fault.

On Sundays, however, the
crowds were immense, and every
body seemed to enjoy themselves.
The meeting was well advertized,
and everyone seemed anxious to
visit the meeting at least once.
In proof of this, we noticed that
the reporter of the Cincinnati
Times Star, who came to inter-
view Harper, the Fidelity Bank
cashier, who is now in Dayton
jail, and after the report of this
interview, appeared the following:
"Reporter Runyan afterwards
accompanied Sheriff Snyder to
the Dunker campmeeting, out on
the Eaton pike, where he heard
the gospel in its original purity
and got a good country dinner,
returning to the city in time to
get the afternoon train to Cin-
cinnati."

Bro. Jacobs remained faith-
fully by the meeting, and rendered
some valuable service, and did
everything a man could do to
make it both interesting and
profitable. We don't know what
we could have done without
profitable.

While the meeting was in pro-
gress on Thursday evening, Bro.
Joseph W. Beer and a brother
Wolf, from Tiosa, Ind., surprised
us with their presence. Bro. Joe
preached us a grand sermon on
Friday evening. Every one
seemed so glad to see him, but
he hardly stayed long enough for
us to realize he had been with
us. He only stayed with us one
day and two nights. Saturday
morning he returned to Tiosa.

Bro. Ridenour was in attend-
ance a couple of days, and
preached a few sermons.

On last Sunday evening the
meetings were closed. On the
whole, we suppose those that at-
tended enjoyed themselves. The
neighboring congregations were
well represented on Sundays.

If ever the brethren will at-
tempt a camp meeting next year,
they expect to call a meeting of
the churches in the "Valley," so
that all will be induced to make
a united and strong effort toward
a successful meeting.

Although we have not men-
tioned the name of Bro. Brown,
our readers must not conclude he
was merely a looker on. He was
there in all his avoirdupois and
usual energy.

On Wednesday afternoon, we
went to visit our old brother
Chrisman, of the Winchester con-
gregation. This old veteran of
the cross was nearing his 90th
birthday. For the last few

months he had been sinking very
rapidly, until for the last three
weeks he was compelled to keep
his bed.

We found him very low, and
fast nearing his end. He assert-
ed his willingness and readiness
to go when the Master called
him. He was very resigned and
patient. Surrounded by his fam-
ily, he passed away quietly, Fri-
day evening, the 26th. Thus
ended a noble, unassuming,
Christian life. As we expect to
publish an obituary so will say
no more now.

On Saturday morning, in ful-
fillment of a former promise, we
attended the Little York Sun-
day school picnic. Our enter-
prising young brother, V. E.
Wampler is the superintendent
of the school. We had a very
pleasant time, and every body
seemed to enjoy it.

On the same evening, on our
return to Bear Creek, we heard
of the death of Bro. Chrisman.
After services that evening we
had to start for the old home, to
be in readiness for the funeral
Sunday morning.

Our old brother was one of the
first pioneers of that neighbor-
hood, and in consequence of his
great popularity and being well
known all over the county, the
funeral was one of the largest
that has ever been known in that
vicinity.

On Sunday evening we preach-
ed at the Methodist church in
West Alexandria. We had a
full house.

This is within the bounds of
the Lexington church. The
brethren here have purchased a
lot in West Alexandria for their
contemplated meeting house.

While here we heard of the
serious illness of old brother Mc-
Pete of Lexington. For the last
year he has been suffering from
consumption. He is now con-
fined to his bed, and his end is
expected any day. We also
heard that sister Young of the
same place was very ill. I would
like very much to have visited
them, but being so far away, and
having no conveyance of my
own, I had to defer. I was an-
xious to see my children, who
need my care and affection, and
so could not stay away any long-
er. For if I missed now, I would
not see them for another week.
We hope no one will blame me
for this weakness. It must be
remembered that my two little
ones are all that is left me now.
However I shall make an effort
to see them on my return this
week.

On Saturday Bro. Brown re-
constructed the Brethren church
at Zimmerman, east of Dayton.
A young brother was elected
deacon with privilege to preach,
and some arrangements made to
represent them at the Ashland
convention.

Aaron Cook, a worthy citizen
of Farmersville, was almost in-
stantly killed by a wagon loaded
with logs passing over his body.
His team started with the load,
but the spring-pole coming un-
fastened, he tried to fix it without
stopping the horses. The front
wheel caught his foot and threw

him so that both wheels running
between his legs crushed over
his body, making a quivering
mass of bones, flesh and blood,
so that he died almost instantly.

We were glad to see our broth-
er Henry Michael of Winchester,
who met with a serious accident
about a month ago, from a run-
away team, has so far recovered
that he was able to act as one of
the pall-bearers at brother Chris-
man's funeral.

While we were lounging around
Dayton on Tuesday last, we met
several of the brethren and sis-
ters of the city.

Among them we met Bro.
Sam Stephens. This brother
and his family united with the
church at Eldorado. Up in that
vicinity they were isolated. They
decided to move down to Day-
ton, and they now live in Miami
City, 308 South William street,
where they will be glad to enter-
tain any of the brethren and sis-
ters who might call on them.

Bro. Stephen's family number
four, three of whom are members
of the church. They are very
anxious that meetings should be
held over in Miami city. There
are several members who think
some good can be done there. A
meeting house we are informed
can be rented for four dollars a
month, and some of the members
from the Bear Creek church
have promised to aid them some
in building up a congregation, if
an effort is made at that place.
We expect to see something
about this and report to our
Mission Board.

While I was going through
the Union Depot at Dayton, last
Monday afternoon, I saw some-
body that looked very much like
our brother Holsinger. Being
in a hurry I could not stop at
the moment, but when I came
back in a few minutes, he was
gone. So I did not enjoy the
anticipated pleasure of an inter-
view. Now I am wondering
whether it was Bro. Holsinger
or some one else.

On Tuesday afternoon in com-
pany with brother Brown we
started for the north-east, and
we arrived at Congress about
10:30 p. m. We found all well.
On Thursday evening I expect
to start back for Dayton, for my
Little York and other appoint-
ments.

EDWARD MASON.

Philadelphia Items.

All right, Bro. Gordon, we will
not fight about the name. Yet
it has always appeared to me
that it would have been more
honorable if the church had
adopted our factional name be-
fore the division. The organ of
our faction was published under
the grand title of "Progressive
Christian," and I am sorry today
that the organ of the church is
not published under that head.
I believe it would add force and
dignity to our church if we would
affix to our name the distinguish-
ing name "Progressive," that
would at once express the charac-
teristic of the church which I
love.

The Philadelphia church kept
alive all summer, that is some-

thing out of the usual run of city
churches. There are at this time
indications of an important in-
gathering in the near future,
some by letter, some by conver-
sion and probably some from
other churches, as there are cer-
tain individuals studying the pe-
culiar features of our church,
and comparing them with the
gospel. I have not much doubt
about the result.

Our Elder, J. D. McFaden will
take a short run through the
western part of the state to labor
in the interests of our church
building fund. I hope the breth-
ren everywhere will give us a
helping hand. A little help now
will enable us to pay back with
large interest in a very few years.

Bro. R. Z. Replogle is expected
in the city this week to labor for
us a short time.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

Phil., Pa., Aug. 29, 1887.

The Work at Zimmerman, Ohio.

On Saturday, Aug. 27th, we
had a business meeting at the
house of Bro. Samuel Lehr, and
the scattered members of this
little church were gathered to
the number of ten. Bro. Henry
Duncan agreed to make amends
for the past by resuming the
labor as much as he is able to do.
We are however, sorry to say
that the state of his health is
such that he is not able to do
any active work in the ministry
at present, and all seemed to be
in deep sympathy with him in
his affliction, and we hope a bet-
ter day may come for him. Bro.
John M. Miller, a young man
full of zeal, was chosen to the
office of Deacon with authority
to preach, and when necessary,
baptize. He was duly installed
into office by the laying on of
hands. Bro. S. Kiehl, of Dayton,
was present and assisted. The
meetings in our hired hall at
Zimmerman were well attended
on Sunday, 28th, and the inter-
est appears to be growing. We
expect to make a protracted effort
at this place during the coming
fall or winter. We invite the
prayers of the faithful to this ef-
fort, that the cause may be
strengthened and souls may be
saved.

P. J. BROWN.

Congress, O., Aug. 31, 1887.

Aleppo, Pa.

I have been reading so many
good letters in the *EVANGELIST*,
and not reading any from this
place, and I do not know why
no one writes from this church.
We have three ministers. We
have had a very lonesome sum-
mer; our church being torn
down, we have no Sunday
School and no meeting near.
We have had but one added to
the church since last summer. I
believe that we ought to have
more preaching; but we will
wait till the meeting house is re-
built.

E. I. MURRY.

Good temper, like a sunny
day, sheds a brightness over
everything. It is the sweetener
of toil and the soother of disquiet-
ude.